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RESPONSE TO COMMUNICATION

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Communication mailed November 7, 2002 setting forth a notice of non-compliant amendment pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121. Specifically, the Communication states that Applicants' response filed October 25, 2002 is not compliant because it does not include a marked-up version of the amended claims.

The undersigned submits that the response filed by Applicants on October 25, 2002 is compliant with all applicable rules since <u>no</u> changes or amendments were requested to the claims or to the specification. A copy of Applicants' Response is enclosed herewith. The undersigned apologizes for any confusion resulting from the inadvertent statement (i.e., typographical error) on page 1 of the Response concerning "entry of the following amendment" It is believed that the Response, in its entirety, clearly provides that no changes to any of the pending claims were intended or requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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SIR:

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed $|\mathcal{U}|$ April 25, 2002. Entry of the following Amendment and consideration of the remarks herein are respectfully requested.

In the claims:

- 6. (Twice Amended) A method of inducing apoptosis in mammalian cancer cells comprising exposing mammalian cancer cells to agonistic anti-DR5 receptor antibody and CPT-11 in an amount effective to synergistically induce apoptosis in said mammalian cancer cells.
- 7. (As filed) The method of claim 6 wherein said anti-DR5 receptor antibody is a monoclonal antibody.
- 8. (As filed) The method of claim 7 wherein said anti-DR5 receptor monoclonal antibody comprises a chimeric antibody.
- 9. (As filed) The method of claim 7 wherein said anti-DR5 receptor